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Dear Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment was issued in this application on November 4, 2003. The Notice indicates that the application is abandoned in view of Applicants' failure to timely file a proper reply to the office letter mailed on April 2, 2003.

However, Applicants timely filed a response to the Official Action on May 6, 2003. Copies of the response as filed by facsimile on May 6, 2003, bearing a Certificate of Facsimile, and Applicants' facsimile receipt, are enclosed. The facsimile number set forth in the Official Action, 703-305-7939, was employed for this filing.

In view of Applicants' timely reply to the Official Action, it is requested that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and the application be forwarded to the Examiner for further prosecution on the merits.

Please charge any fee required in connection with this request to Deposit Account No. 04-1133.

Respectfully submitted,

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